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EMBASSY PREFERS TO DEFER ACTION REQUESTED PARA 9, REF
A, PENDING RECEIPT OF REPORTS ON CONVERSATIONS IN
WASHINGTON WITH DR. SCHMIDT-KUESTER AND AMBASSADOR
HERMES. WE BELIEVE THAT TABLING THIS NEW LIST OF
ILLUSTRATIVE US PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS TO BE
FINANCED BY THE FRG UNDER THE OFFSET AGREEMENT MAY
BE TACTICALLY UNWISE AT THIS POINT IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS. THIS ACTION WOULD BRING IN ANOTHER FRG
MINISTRY WHICH MIGHT DELAY A GERMAN DECISION WHILE IT
ATTEMPTS TO GET ADDITIONAL BUDGET FUNDS TO FINANCE
THESE PROJECT, BUT PROBABLY WOULD LOSE ITS ENTHUSIASM
IF, AS SEEMS LIKELY, THE FINANCE MINISTER INSISTS THAT
ANY PROJECTS BE FINANCED OUT OF ITS PRESENT BUDGET.
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